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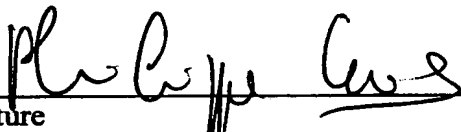
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appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC, Customer Number 25944 to represent before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all U.S. patent applications assigned to the above-named assignee.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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ASSIGNMENT

(1-8) **Insert Name(s) of Inventor(s)**

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(3) Vincent ATRACHE (7) _____

(4) _____ (8) _____

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(9) **Insert Name of Assignee** (9) bioMerieux

(10) **Insert Address of Assignee** (10) Chemin de l'Arme, F-69280 Marcy l'Etoile, France

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) and Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100, in the invention, and in all applications for patent including any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, international, confirmation, substitute and reissue application(s), and all Letters Patent, extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates that may be granted on the invention known as

(11) **Insert Identification such as Title, Case Number, or Foreign Application Number** (11) METHOD FOR DETECTING AND/OR IDENTIFYING BACTERIA PRESENT IN A
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(Attorney Docket No. 125291)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(12) **Insert Date of Signing of Application** (12) on _____

(13) **Alternative Identification for filed applications** (13) U.S. application Serial Number 10/551,989
filed October 4, 2005

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

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Date	<u>November 2 2005</u>	Witness	<u>Caroline Duet</u>
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